

# First Congregational Learning Center



## Director's Notes:

As we approach the end of summer I want to share with you the plans for the fall. The most exciting news is that we will be welcoming back Mrs. Gina! She will be working in the preschool room with Mrs. Sharon. Her first day back is August 1st. She will be floating around this month to help with the last of teacher vacation days. Ms. Megan will be joining us at the end of the month in the infant room. You will all soon notice changes to the classrooms. I am very excited to be starting ExceleRate Illinois. It is the state's Quality Recognition and Improvement System. It emphasizes continuous quality improvement for early learning and development programs. We are aiming to achieve the Silver Circle of Quality. I will be sending information regarding the process in an email. The yearly calendar and the supply lists will be sent out the week of August 6th. The official start of our school year will be Tuesday, September 4th. As always I am available if you have any questions, comments or thoughts. (kchoate@uccdg.org / 630-206-4910)

Ms. Kimberly

## Infant News (Room 204)

Summer is coming to a close; the school year is upon us. We have so much in store this year from working on gross and fine motor skills to becoming a bit more vocal. We had a fabulous summer and now we are excited to begin a new school year. Please remember to check cubbies to ensure your child has proper clothing; and be sure to label your child's items.



## Toddler News (Room 202):

This month as the toddlers begin to wrap up the summer, we have some activities planned; beginning with a week of camping including experiencing a tent in our classroom, some give and take conversations about being outdoors, exploring with flashlights, creating shadows, and learning about our natural world.

We will be nurturing our art appreciation and explore color with a tie dying activity. As we move in creative ways, we will dance to the "color pokey" as well as listen to and share stories about color. Over the summer we have been refining our toddler skills, and as most of us begin to take the next steps toward young preschool, our teachers will introduce the idea of moving up and some of the experiences we will have, as well as the responsibilities.



## Preschool News (Room 205):

Our summer session is coming to an end and we have been having a wonderful time! We have been learning about all different types of music, different instruments, and where some originate from. We will be exploring a few more countries and their lively sounds as well as a couple more different styles of music. We'll be exploring the smooth and vivid sounds of jazz, in addition to the elegant and sometimes bold sounds of classical. On Monday, August 6th, we will have our Ty Warner Splash Pad field trip in Westmont. Please turn in your child's permission slip. If Monday is not a typical day for your child, don't worry, they are still welcome to come in that day for Splash Pad Fun! Just let us know! Any questions,

